

GETS FIANCE'S ASHES IN GIRL'S RING.

Thieves Secure Gold Booty in St. Louis, and Mourning Young Woman Offers Reward.

When thieves entered the room of Miss Cora Evelyn and stole jewelry worth \$250 in St. Louis they did not know they were putting themselves in the class of body-snatchers and ghouls, but such is developed.

The theft is one of the strangest ever reported to St. Louis police. The remnants of a human body which were stolen consisted of a portion of the ashes of Charles Patterson, to whom Miss Evelyn was engaged to be married and who died a year ago at Binghamton, N. Y.

The young woman lived at Binghamton, and they had been sweethearts at Binghamton from childhood and just before Patterson died he requested that his body be cremated and his fiancée then determined, with his consent, to have a small quantity of his dust set in a ring with a transparent setting, so, as she expressed it, she "could have him with her always, even after death."

In accordance with this determination Miss Evelyn had the ring, probably the strangest ever manufactured, and worn by a woman.

"It is not on account of the value of the ring that I am so anxious to recover it," Miss Evelyn said, "but because of its associations."

She has offered a reward for the return of the ring.

USE WOODEN TIRES ON HIS AUTOMOBILE.

Barnwell County Man Says They Make Much Noise but Ride as Easy as Rubber Ones.

Barnwell, Jan. 6.—John C. Hogg, of Blackville, thinks that he has solved what has been one of the costliest problems that has confronted automobile users since the automobile first came into general use, namely the problem of tires.

He was in town on Monday and during the course of a conversation told what he has done to keep his own tire expense down. When two of his tires wore out he made others of wood, which fit as snugly into the rim of the wheel as the pneumatic kind. They are made in sections are held in place by an ordinary steel buggy tire. He uses them on the two rear wheels, and says that in shape and riding quality cannot be told from the real ones. The only difference, he would perhaps be the drawback, is the noise made when the machine is in motion. Good is in the ordinary, if they are used, if they are the up-keep of a machine is keeps them from being more used and it is an acknowledged fact that tires contribute the biggest part of this cost keep.

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Bites Deacon After Losing Razor.

His razor early in the morning Deacon Morton Nichols, D. J. Jones pastor of the Baptist Church, of Fort James, this morning, bit off the nose of the pastor's right hand index finger.

Both appeared at the police station, bearing their disconnected members.

The pastor, against whom a charge of maiming was placed, was released on bond, signed by practically all the members of the church. The trouble originated over church affairs.

GOT HIM SECOND TIME.

First Attempt to Kill Alabama Man Failed, But Last Hit Not.

Mobile, Ala., Dec. 31.—News received here to-day from the northern end of Baldwin county is to the effect that David Chambliss, a well known resident of Bay Minette, was shot and killed last night by Roland Stewart, who fired two loads of buckshot from a double-barreled shotgun into his breast. Chambliss was shot at some time ago by unknown parties who hid behind a tree and Chambliss had a narrow escape.

Mrs. Smith, who has been with the E. L. Moore Co., has resigned her position with that firm, and will teach the third grade, vacated by Miss Anderson.

Trespass Notice.

All persons are forbidden to cut and haul wood from my lands in Hartleesville and Manning townships or to trespass upon same by hunting or otherwise. All violations of this notice will be dealt with as provided by statute. 12-29-31. P. L. Bethea. Government Official Corn Report.

CRIPPLE AMASSED FORTUNE.

Made Up Mind Early in Life That He Would Get Rich, and Saved \$300,000.

Brashear, Mo., Dec. 31.—Cal G. Cornell, a cripple since childhood, who amassed a fortune estimated at \$300,000, was buried at Brashear at seventy-three.

Cornell early in life declared to his acquaintances: "Here's a one-cripple who will never go to the poorhouse, for I expect to be rich before I die."

For eight years he taught school, then embarked in the mercantile business. His aim was to save everything he made. He allowed himself no luxuries. He would not buy an invalid's chair, counting it useless expense.

Man To Live 1,000 Years.

A thousand years of life will be easy just as soon as the pre-historic antediluvian Titanic language is found and deciphered. So says Walter Freeman Colling, author of "Science of Comparative Mythology" and other works.

He asserts all matter is alive, and that all species of plants and animals are related by common descent and that worlds, crystals, molecules and atoms are living bodies formed of indestructible and living, conscious, ultimate particles.

"The restorations of Titanic science," he said, "which will come with the discovery and deciphering of the lost Titanic language, will bring with it command over the lightning of the earth, the possession of unlimited power, the control of all climatic and meteorological conditions, the abolition of poverty and the vast prolongation of human life and the ultimate perfection of human society."

"The secret of the prospective abolition of old age and poverty lies in the recent discoveries relating to cell life, the processes of which are the key to all mythical mysteries."

The Aeroplane Skirt.

(From the New York Telegram.)

The very newest skirt is the aeroplane model. The spring suit will include a skirt of this description if one wishes to appear up-to-date.

A person wearing the skirt and standing quite still appears to be dressed in one of the prevailing tight skirt models, but upon investigating it is seen there is a deep box pleat panel effect down both back and front, stitched to flounce depth and thoroughly pressed to the hem. The sides fit very smoothly over the hips, but have pleats let in below the knee. These are so well set in that they are only visible with the wearer's movements.

CLAIMS HOMESTEAD BY FOUR MINUTES.

Minnesota Settler Alleges He Took Land Before Woman Had Filed on It.

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 31.—Miss Margaret Ryan, after waiting weeks in line to file on a piece of land at a government open place of on June 20 last, now finding here her claims to the land as defending H. Smallwood, Jr., and against W. Smallwood, Jr., who claims to have settled on the land a few minutes before she filed.

Miss Ryan was third in the weary line of homesteaders, and the doors swung open June 20, exactly at 9 a. m. The records show that she filed on the land of her choice at 9:04. Smallwood alleges to have settled at exactly 9 a. m. 120 acres of the land claimed by Albert Knudsen, who filed on his land a few minutes later than Miss Ryan. In other words he declares he beat Miss Ryan to it by four minutes. Mr. Smallwood offered filing papers to the land August 15, and claimed settlement as described.

The offices of the United States Land Office ordered a hearing to determine the priority of right to enter.

Conjugal Felicity.

A New England farmer, noted for his uncontrollable temper, attended a religious revival in the neighborhood and became converted.

A month later he was holding forth to a number of friends and relatives gathered at the Thanksgiving dinner table, on the subject of religious principles, his entire change of character, and his kind and forbearing disposition. Finally, growing enthusiastic in his description, he called on his wife to uphold his assertions.

"Jane," he shouted, "you haven't had an unkind word or deed from me since I got converted—now have you?"

There was a dead silence; then came in meek, yet reminding tones, from the other end of the table:

"Jerome, Jerome, you've forgot the time you bit me."

Stubs Toe and Lost Voice Returns.

Madison, Neb.—While singing a solo in the Presbyterian church here, three months ago, Lydia Donovan, member of the choir and daughter of John B. Donovan, editor of the Star Mail suddenly lost her voice, being unable to utter a sound. Since that time until last week, she was speechless.

Miss Donovan recovered her speech as suddenly as she lost it. She left her home to go down town. Passing along the sidewalk she stubbed her toe hard and the pain of it brought out an involuntary "ouch." The word came with full vocalization and ever since then Miss Donovan has been able to articulate as clearly and with as much force as before she was stricken dumb.

We agree with the News and Courier in an editorial recently published favoring free passage to the chief executives of the state and nation on railroads. The governor of South Carolina would have to stay at home all of the time otherwise, unless he had in his possession an individual fund from which to draw. The salary paid our governor is a disgrace to the State.

MANY LIVE IN CITIES.

Interesting Census Facts Made Public by Bureau.

Of the 92,000,000 people in the United States more than twenty-eight and a half millions reside in cities exceeding 25,000 in population, as shown by a recapitulation issued by the census bureau.

There are 228 of these cities. Nineteen of them have a population exceeding a quarter of a million and fifty exceed 100,000. The exact population of the 228 is 28,503,007. Of this number 20,303,047 reside in the larger cities of more than 100,000 population.

A Chance to Make Money.

A young man who had been out of employment for some time and to whom money had become a stranger stood on the Walnut street bridge over the Schuylkill gazing down at the water.

Suicide was in his mind, but he was afraid to seek death by drowning and only contemplated it when he realized that he had no money to purchase poison, a rope or something of the sort.

As he was standing there a well dressed man accosted him.

"Young man, do you want to earn \$4?" he said.

"Four dollars!" gasped the unfortunate, to whom the sum sounded like a million. "Lead me to it," he said.

"Come along," said the stranger as he led the way across the bridge. The young man followed, a new hope gleaming from his eyes.

The stranger led the way to a room on a side street off Walnut.

"Here we are," he said.

"Well, how am I going to earn these \$4?" asked the young man.

"Well, you see, I'm a little hard up for cash," said the stranger, "and I'm going to sell you a pair of \$5 shoes for a dollar!"—Philadelphia Press.

God Bless "Dad."

We happened into a home the other day, and over the parlor door saw the legend worked in letters of red. "What is Home Without a Mother?" Across the room was another: "God Bless Our Home."

Now what's the matter with "God Bless Our Dad?" He gets up early, lights the fire, boils an egg, and wipes the dew off the lawn with his boots while many a mother is sleeping. He makes the weekly handout to the butcher, the milkman and groceryman, and his little pile is badly demolished before he has been home an hour.

If there is a noise in the night, Dad is kicked in the back and made to go down stairs and find the burglar and kill him. Mother earns the socks, but dad bought the socks in the first place and the needles are darn afterwards. Mother does up the fruit. Dad bought it all, and jars and sugar cost like the mischief.

Dad buys the chicken for Sunday dinner, serves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins after everybody else is served. "What is Home Without a Mother?" Yes, that's all right, but "What is Home Without Father?" Ten chances to one it's a boarding house; father is under a slab and the landlady is the widow. Dad, here's to you! You've got your faults; you may have lot's of 'em, but you're all right, and we'll miss you when you are gone.—Conyers Times.

Darlington Press.

Clash of Rival Gangs at Dance.

New York, Dec. 31.—Fourteen persons were injured in a panic which followed the clash of two eastside gangs early to-day at the dance of the Retaw Club, in Webster Hall, 119 East Eleventh street. Loss of life was prevented by prompt action on the part of the police and detectives who were on the scene. Members of the Yakey Bradley Association fell in with some of their old-time enemies in the Cherry Hill gang and the battle ensued. A fusillade of shots were fired and beer glasses and chairs were used as weapons. Women screamed and nearly all the furniture in the place was broken. Richard Daly, a saloon keeper, was the most badly injured.

Some Poetry.

(On the Past and Present.)
Ma mem'ry takes me back
To many a year ago;
De land on which use to dwell,
To-day I hardly know—
When Mass and Missus use to live
On dat yonder hill,
I cut wood 'round dat very place,
Me and Ike, same as Bill.
Now ev'ry stump is cleared away,
De big log house is moved;
You can mount de train on dat very spot
And go to wher you choose.
I ne'er thought a town would be
On dis 'ere little place,
But mighty men shore must abeen
Mong de older race.
Hark! I haiah de farm bell ring,
Far 'cross de old landscape;
Who'd thought dis old plantation
Could make such a fine ole place?
De county has been chopped in two,
De new half 'll go to fame,
For she is a mighty hustler,
And Dillon is her name.

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